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Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claim 3, amend claims 2 and 4-11, and add new claims 12-24 as follows. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended). A voice recording and reproducing apparatus, comprising:

conversion means for converting inputted voice signals into digitized voice data;

5 a data table for storing information to be added to the voice data as header information a plurality of ID data for predetermined ID items;

10 ID data selecting means for selecting arbitrary ID data from the ID data of the predetermined ID items stored in the data table;

data file creating means for creating a data file by adding the ID data selected by the ID data selecting means to the voice data converted by the conversion means as header information;

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recording means for adding header information stored in the
15 data table to said voice data converted by said conversion means
and for recording said voice data the data file in voice data
recording means a recording medium; and

changing means for communicating with an external apparatus
connected to the voice recording and reproducing apparatus and
20 for changing header information the ID data stored in the data
table based upon information sent from the external apparatus.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended). The apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein

the data table is stored in a rewritable nonvolatile storage
medium; and

5 said changing means rewrites header information the ID data
stored in the data table as header information with ID data sent
from said external apparatus.

Claim 3 (Cancelled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended). The apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein said changing means can change at least one of
ID data identifying a user, ID data identifying a work type, an

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5 ~~option item name data displayed on a display portion of the voice recording and reproducing apparatus and an option item ID, which are stored in the data table data concerning the data displayed on said display portion among said header information.~~

Claim 5 (Currently Amended). An information processing apparatus for which a plurality of external data recording and reproducing apparatuses for digitizing and recording inputted signals in a recording medium are connectable, comprising:

5 connection number allocation means for after connecting the external data recording and reproducing apparatuses to the information processing apparatus, allocating a connection number to each of the connected external data recording and reproducing apparatuses which are connected to the information processing apparatus;

10 identification code acquisition means for acquiring an identification code of the external data recording and reproducing apparatuses connected to the information processing apparatus;

15 storage means for storing each connection number allocated by the connection number allocation means and the identification code acquired by the identification code acquisition means;

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display means for displaying at least one of the connection number and the identification code stored in the storage means;

20 first selection means for selecting at least one of a desired connection number and a desired identification code, from at least one of the connection number and the identification code displayed by the display means;

25 second selection means for selecting a desired external data recording and reproducing apparatus from the connected plurality of external data recording and reproducing apparatuses based on the selection by the first selection means; and

30 control means for carrying out controls so that at least one of a control program and control data of said external data recording and reproducing apparatus selected by the second selection means may be changed.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended). The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein ~~when recording inputted signals as digitized data, said selected data recording and reproducing apparatus adds predetermined header information to said data in accordance with a data table stored in the data recording and reproducing apparatuses; and~~

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~~said control means carries out controls so that the data table may be changed~~

10 the control means carries out controls so that the data table stored in the external data recording and reproducing apparatus may be changed, and

the data table stores a plurality of ID data that a user can select on the data recording and reproducing apparatus, for predetermined ID items, and when the external data recording and
15 reproducing apparatus records data the ID data selected by the user, of the plurality of ID data, is recorded as header information.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended). The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein

5 said control means can change at least one of ID data identifying a user, ID data identifying a work type, data displayed on the display portion of the voice recording and reproducing apparatus option item data and data concerning the data displayed on said display portion among said header information an option item name, which are stored in the data table.

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Claim 8 (Currently Amended). A recording medium having recorded an information processing program for which a plurality of external data recording and reproducing apparatuses for digitizing and recording inputted signals are responsive, the 5 information processing program comprising:

a processing program for after connecting the external data recording and reproducing apparatuses to the information processing apparatus, allocating a connection number to each of the plurality of connected external data recording and 10 reproducing apparatuses which are responsive to the information processing program;

a processing program for acquiring an identification code of the external data recording and reproducing apparatuses which are responsive to the information processing program;

15 a processing program for storing each allocated connection number and each acquired identification code;

a processing program for displaying at least one of the stored connection number and the stored identification code;

20 a processing program for selecting at least one of a desired connection number and a desired identification code, from at least one of the displayed connection number and the displayed identification code;

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a processing program for selecting a desired external data recording and reproducing apparatus from the plurality of
25 external data recording and reproducing apparatuses based on the selected and displayed connection number and identification code; and

a processing program for carrying out controls so that at least one of a control program and control data of the selected
30 external data recording and reproducing apparatus may be changed.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended). The recording medium according to claim 8, wherein ~~when recording inputted signals as digitized data, said selected data recording and reproducing apparatus adds predetermined header information to said data in accordance with a stored data table, and~~

~~wherein said processing program for carrying out controls carries out controls so that the stored data table may be changed~~
~~the processing program for carrying out controls carries out controls so that the data table may be changed, and~~
10 ~~the data table stores a plurality of ID data that a user can select, for predetermined ID items, and when the data is recorded, the ID data selected by the user, of the plurality of ID data, is recorded as header information.~~